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## *Our President Speaks*

Medicine owes much of its current difficulties to fee exoesses of a small minority of its members.

The fees of the majority of physicians have not risen proportionately to the general economic scale or cost of living. However, a few physicians consistently over-burden<sup>t</sup> patients financially. To be sure, these are a small minority, but it is clear that the entire profession suffers from the sins of a few. These practices have made state medicine seem a natural solution to superficial observers of the situation.

The Principles of Ethics of the AMA states, "The prime object of the medical profession is to render service to humanity; reward or financial gain is a subordinate consideration." Medical economics translated into terms of personal gain and advantage will carry our profession far from its objective.

The medical society must decide whether it is to take a positive stand on the financial activities of its members. The responsibility for a review of alleged unfair fees rests with the medical profession through its medical society. This responsibility must be exercised in order that the medical profession can continue the privilege of self-control in all phases of practice. Any imbalance between privilege and responsibility will only lead to outside controls.

We propose to submit to the membership for approval, a realistic and effective grievance procedure based on direct criticism and exposure of unfair practices.

—Fred G. Schlecht, M.D.  
President

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## EDITORIAL —

### SUGAR-COATING

Are we physicians always perfectly honest with the dying patient? Ethics and common sense dictate that we at least inform the family of the probable outcome of a patient with inoperable cancer or malignant hypertension or whatever may be the spector. But — and this is the crux — are we fair to the patient when we withhold from him the definite likelihood of his impending demise?

In many instances the patient is not told because of pressure from the family. They feel he cannot "take" such ominous news. And so we are tempted to "sugar-coat" the prognosis and thus begins the nerve wracking "game." The "game" as we all know it so well consists of everybody's awareness of the situation; but no one can tell the patient, who indeed many times is fully cognizant of his condition.

We physicians are reluctant in many cases because we may lack the moral courage to be utterly frank. Perhaps this stems from our optimistic hope that a "cure" may be found in time. We and the family very often overlook the fact that MOST people have more courage than may be apparent. Witness the early Christians, the condemned Frenchmen to the guillotine and countless others who knew that death was imminent.

There are, of course, cases where the patient himself requests that he not be told, but what about the many others? Does the doctor have the right to withhold from the patient such important information? The matter becomes spiritual rather than ethical. Hope can always be offered, but hope should not be confused with falsehood, and sugar-coating is often just that.

— Jack Schreiber, M.D.

Editor

## SOCIAL NEWS

### YOUNGSTOWN HOSPITAL

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and family, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Foster and family spent nine days at Severn Lodge, Point Severn, Ontario, on a fishing trip.

Dr. C. W. Stertzbach went on a twelve-day trip to Labrador also fishing.

Dr. Hubert Banninga was installed a lieutenant governor of the Area Optimist Clubs.

Miss Leah Margaret McKelvey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George McKelvey, was married to Robert Conner Gunn on June 25th.

Dr. Genevieve Delfs and her family spent the Fourth of July at Lake Chautauqua, N. Y.

Dr. and Mrs. John J. Turner and their children spent a brief holiday at Mrs. Turner's home in Hingham, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Clair Vance have returned from Santa Ana, Calif. Dr. Vance is recovering from surgery performed by Dr. Samuel Woo Weaver formerly of our staff.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Friedrich and family were in Canada fishing and relaxing.

Dr. Andy Detesco, Dr. Herman Ipp, Dr. Louis Bloomberg and Dr. Harold Segall attended the A.M.A. Convention at Miami, Fla.

—G. E. DeCicco, M.D.



### POLICY: DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY

The following policy in regard to delegate responsibility was adopted in a resolution at the June meeting of the Society. Paragraph No. 5 was an amendment to the resolution.

1. The senior delegate will be known as Chairman of the delegates.
2. If any regular delegate is unable to attend the sessions of the House of Delegates, he will notify the Chairman, who in turn will arrange for an alternate to take his place.
3. Prior to the OSMA meeting, the delegates will meet and review the resolutions to be presented. The Chairman will then report to Council and/or the Society.
4. When a resolution is presented by the Society, it is the duty of the Chairman, or a delegate whom he designates, to read the resolution at the opening session of the House of Delegates.
5. The delegates will follow instructions on voting if the Society shows a preference at the Society meeting.

### NAMES IN THE NEWS

Floyd O. Swonger, manager of Lyons Physicians Supply Co., was recently elected president of the Mahoning Valley Sales Executive Club.

The Mahoning County Bar Association has elected new officers. President is Atty. Jacob Levy. Vice president is Atty. Jay Brownlee. Elected three-year trustees were Atty. Elwyn Jenkins and Atty. Robert Murphy.



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## FROM THE BULLETIN

### Twenty Years Ago—August, 1940

Doctors were sweating over their questionnaires on military fitness and availability sent out by the A.M.A. at the request of the Surgeon Generals of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service. Name, age, date of graduation, previous military service, number of dependents, et cetera, et cetera. It made some think long thoughts. Others just threw their questionnaires in the waste basket.

Two who saw the future clearly were O. M. Lawton and Martin Conti. Both applied for commissions in the Navy. They were the first to be commissioned and later on they outranked their more reluctant colleagues.

Of greater interest at the time was the golf party at Southern Hills where Bill Welsh won the low gross and other prizes were won by Joe Hall, Dave Endress, Saul Tamarkin, John Goldcamp, Peter Boyle, J. C. Vance and Verne Goodwin. Elmer Wenac, Ray Hall, Sam Tamarkin and J. B. Kupec ran the affair.

Bill Allsop was president for the reunion of Youngstown Hospital internes and brought his old buddy, Danny Leithouser, here from Detroit to talk on "Early Ambulation After Surgery." We were surprised and a little shocked to see his movies of patients up walking the day after their operations.

The Pittsburgh Otological Society and the Cleveland Otolaryngological Club held a joint meeting here arranged by E. C. Goldcamp who was president of the Pittsburgh group. Bill Evans and Stanley Myers arranged the program. Our Medical-Dental Orchestra played lovely (and loud) music for their banquet.

From the Medical Crier's Column: Why have office hours at night? Doctors work too hard and too long. It is commonplace for a doctor to work all day, be up on a call at night and then work all the next day. During that time he is expected to give each patient his best attention or at least "reasonable care in keeping with the standards prevailing in the community" and to make no mistakes. There seems to be a universal pride among doctors in being able to take it, but statistics show they can't take it long. In their early days they set themselves a pace which kills them in their fifties. After a good day's work a doctor should relax with his family or friends. He should read the daily paper, his medical journals and good books. During these days of shorter working hours and five-day weeks, patients can come in during the day. Many come to the office at night simply because the doctor is there anyway and they make a social affair of it. If doctors would quit evening office hours they would have more time for family life and would live to enjoy their grandchildren.

### Ten Years Ago—August, 1950

The Medical Service Foundation collected its first money payment from the Mahoning County Welfare and immediately made its first awards. Dr. E. J. Reilly announced the presentation of eight nursing scholarships equally divided between the two local hospitals.

St. Elizabeth's Hospital revealed plans for a new 225 bed wing to run in an east-west direction from the center of the present hospital. Dr. John Lo Cicchio came from Bridgeport, Conn., to be the new pathology director, succeeding the late W. D. Collier.

Over 150 doctors attended the Ex-Internes reunion where the guest speaker was Melvin A. Casberg, dean of St. Louis University School of

Medicine. Prize winners at golf were J. K. Herald, E. J. Wenaas, L. G. Coe, S. J. Tamarkin, C. W. Stertzbach, Paul McConnell, E. H. Young and F. Gambrel. R. V. Clifford presided at the banquet where music was provided by the Ficocelli ensemble.

The Youngstown Receiving Hospital celebrated its fifth year of operation. During that time 3,861 patients were treated, 892 of them in the past year. Every patient received a chest x-ray, blood counts, serology and urinalysis. They were treated by electric shock, insulin shock, alcoholic conditioned reflex therapy, lobotomy and narco-synthesis. Six hundred thirty patients were discharged improved and 115 referred to Massillon State Hospital for long term care. Dr. Elder was hoping to add a department of occupational therapy.

At the Ex-Internes reunion of the Youngstown Hospital plans were announced to remodel the South Side Unit. W. B. Hardin, H. E. Hathhorn and A. J. Fisher presented the scientific program. In the afternoon everyone went to Miliken's farm for the traditional ball game and clam bake. Dr. John Heberding was president that year.

J. N. Gordon, C. N. Giéring and R. W. Parry were internes. R. A. Brown, J. L. Calvin, J. J. Campolito, D. F. Covert, R. L. Jenkins, L. F. Fagnano, J. R. Gillis, P. A. Dobson and E. E. Brant were residents.

New practitioners that month were: William E. Sovik, ophthalmologist, Edward H. Jones, Jr., dermatologist and D. E. Beynon, urologist.

The House of Representatives was considering two new bills proposing to establish an United States Medical Academy at Washington to provide doctors for government services.

—J. L. Fisher, M.D.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dr. Harry Wagman was recently elected president of the Youngstown Chapter of Alpha Omega dental fraternity. Dr. Bernard Smith is treasurer, and Dr. Seymour Feuer is secretary. Council members are Drs. Jack Malkoff, David Mulne, and David Bender. Sergeant-at-arms is Dr. Phil Hodes.

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Herman J. Sporer is Chairman of the Mahoning Valley Division of the National Fund for Medical Education. Members of the local committee include: Asael E. Adams, Jr., L. A. Beeghly, Charles B. Cushwa, Jr., Carl W. Ullman, and Frank B. Warren.

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Mr. F. MacCalmont Crosby, assistant to the executive vice president of Associated Hospital Services is the new secretary of the Northeastern Ohio Hospital Council, which includes 19 hospitals in the area. Retiring as president of the Council is Sister M. Baptista, H. H. M., administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

## CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Arnoldus Goudsmit, who was recently promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the College of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh.

## *The Doctor, Theologian, and Patient*

"At the point where the concerns of medicine and religion converge, stands man. Both fields are dedicated to his healing. Such healing, even as his disease, is never solely physical or spiritual. Man must be restored to a wholeness which embraces every part of his being, if he is to experience life in its fullest dimension."

This common concern was the central theme of a week-end retreat held in June on the campus of Wittenberg University. The two-day conference was one in a series of "Faith and Life Institutes" projected by the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church.

Brought together by the common desire to explore the inter-relationships of medicine and religion, were 20 physicians. The majority were Lutheran, but joining with us was a Methodist, a Roman Catholic, and a Jew. Represented were the specialties of general practice, psychiatry, internal medicine, pediatrics, pathology, allergy, and industrial medicine. An osteopath was also in attendance to round out the wide diversity of opinion.

Basic presentations were made by two men of high standing—one a theologian and the other a psychiatrist, dealing with the concept of man. The heart of the institute, however, was the informal, leisurely discussion periods dealing with such questions as artificial insemination, therapeutic abortion, birth control, the neurotic patient and other thought provoking matters.

Several hours were spent in discussing the role of the physician dealing with the dying patient. Most of the doctors were of the opinion that the Hippocratic Oath left no room for decision: everything humanly possible must be done to preserve life, even when that life was certainly doomed. A few of us joined the thinking of the theologians and reflected that the situation should dictate the policy, and that perhaps in an act of love, a patient may be allowed to die in dignity with his family about him—without all of the medical apparatus inserted in every orifice.

The question of the neurotic patient provided interesting thinking. It was generally conceded that the clergy in many denominations lack the formal training to counsel adequately. The physician was urged to help the patient "internalize" his faith, if he professed a religious belief. It was further urged that the doctor "witness" his own faith if he could see a need in the patient's general make-up.

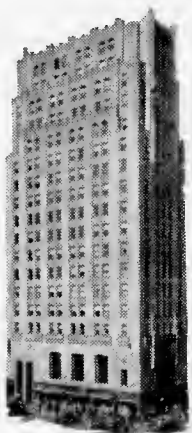
Ethics of medical care was given a good portion of the discussion time, and it was generally felt by the physicians and theologians alike, that a doctor grounded in his faith and practicing these precepts in his daily life, could handle the touchy and delicate problems which perplex many men who rely on their own judgment alone.

I was privileged indeed to be a participant. More good sound thinking came out of this conference than I had ever experienced before. Perhaps this kind of retreat could inspire and enthuse others in our profession. In this day of materialism and reliance on one's own talents, rededication of self to the service of God through service to our fellow man would be a refreshing experience for everyone who calls himself doctor!—Jack Schreiber, M.D.

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## SOCIAL NEWS — ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

All those healthily tanned MD's you see roaming around got that tan in Florida at the AMA meeting. So many doctors went I'm afraid to comment on any particular one since somebody will surely be left out. Let it be said that they all achieved a well deserved vacation; their wives and children loved it, and they all benefitted by increased medical knowledge.

I heard the Annual Employee Picnic at Idora was just as much fun for the adults as for the kids, and, if last year was any criterion, I bet the nuns enjoyed themselves, too.

As usual, Sam Goldberg did a terrific job in conducting the ex-intern day on July 13th. One thing, he forgot to turn off the rain, and all the duffers that were silly enough (myself included) to play eighteen, got thoroughly soaked. But there were so many prizes awarded, nearly everyone who played was reimbursed with two golf balls. Out-of-towners included the nearby Al Luchette and the guy from far-away St. Augustine, Florida, Ray Cafaro. Also, Joe Gallagher, the orthopedist from Cincinnati who has nine kids. There were lots of others, and some potential interns who are really good golfers. A. K. Phillips fixed it so that there were door prizes galore and everybody went home happy.

Congratulations to Dr. Ching Chen on passing his anesthesia boards. Now if he can only find a good anesthetic to make his new baby sleep all night.

Welcome back to Bill Charlebois, a former St. E's interne. Dr. Charlebois has opened an office for the practice of orthopedic surgery at the Bel-Park Medical Building.

—J. R. Sofranec, M.D.  
G. L. Altman, M.D.



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## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE



Probably it would be wise at this time for us to reflect for a moment on the tremendous improvement that has taken place in maternal and child health care within the active professional life of many of our members.

This statement is made not in the sense that it is time to sit back and admire our accomplishments but to furnish sound and logical rebuttal against the attacks of those who aim their

propaganda at the fundamental organization of the practice of medicine as it is carried on today.

The statistics which I shall give are those of Ohio, but that is only because Ohio statistics show little variation from those of our nation as a whole. In 1930 the fetal death rate was 37.6 per 1,000 live births. In 1958 the fetal death rate was 15.1 per 1,000 live births. In 1930 the infant death rate (one year and under) was 61.3 per 1,000 live births and in 1958 this figure has been reduced to 25.4.

In 1930 the maternal death rate was 57.6 per 10,000 live births and in 1958 this has been reduced to 3.1.

It is a little difficult to see why the profession should be under attack from any source whatever after having produced such favorable results in a period of twenty-nine years. While it is true that the major portion of the credit for this marvelous achievement must go to the profession and the hospitals it is true that considerable assistance has been given by other agencies such as the Public Health Service and the state and local health departments.

Here in the City of Youngstown, your health department engages in the following maternal and child health activities.

Since November, 1958, we have sponsored a weekly immunization clinic along with the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Visiting Nurses Association. Some volunteer clerical assistance is also given by the Red Cross and the school nurses in the operation of those clinics.

The immunization clinics offer currently recommended immunizations to children and a few adults who are unable to go to the physician of their choice because of economic necessity. They have been very effective in getting the lower income groups immunized since the passage of the compulsory immunization law by the Ohio State Legislature at its last session.

In the Well Child Conferences which were first begun as a joint venture of the Visiting Nurses Association and Medical Society in 1918, the local health department has in recent years assumed a gradually increasing part of the responsibility of the operation of these conferences.

In addition the clerical load of the health department has been increased by reason of the necessity of keeping records of all immunizations given in the Well Child Conferences and immunization clinics.

In addition to the above the parochial school health service is operated directly by the health department since 1936. This program consists of tuberculin testing, vision, hearing and speech screening and those pupils who show defects are followed up in order that they be directed into the proper

channels for the correction of their defects. In addition a part time dentist makes an annual examination of the dental needs of the pupils.

Pre-natal maternity clinics for the medically indigent are operated by the St. Elizabeth's and North Side Unit of Youngstown Hospitals. While the health department has no part in the operation of these clinics at the present time, it has an interest in knowing that these services are available to those in need of them.

—L. A. Blum, M.D.

### BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN — CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN REPORT FOR JUNE, 1960

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	194	213	180	181	768
Deaths	70	50	60	44	224
Infant Deaths Res.	4	1	2	3	10
JUNE, 1959					
	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	175	172	191	191	729
Deaths	75	54	47	36	212
Infant Deaths Res.	3	3	3	1	10
CONTAGIOUS DISEASES					
	June 1960		June 1959		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
Chicken Pox	11	0	14	0	
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	
Measles	3	0	4	0	
Epid. Sp. Meningitis	2	0	0	0	
Mumps	38	0	4	0	
Scarlet Fever	13	0	1	0	
Whooping Cough	0	0	1	0	
Tuberculosis	6	0	11	2	
Typhoid Para	1	0	1	0	
Gonorrhea	18	0	9	0	
Syphilis	9	0	11	0	
Salmonelle	2	0	0	0	
Trichinosis	1	0	0	0	
VENEREAL DISEASES					
	M.		F.		Total
New Cases					
Syphilis	3		0		3
Gonorrhea	14		3		17
Total Patients					20
Total Visitor (Patients) to Clinic					136

### DR. FRANKLIN IN "SCOPE"

Scope Weekly, the Upjohn Company publication, carried a picture of Dr. Sidney Franklin in the June 29th issue.

The photo showed Dr. Franklin in discussion with Dr. Jesse L. Serby of Syracuse at the A.M.A. exhibition hall in Miami Beach, Fla. They were pictured in front of the booth sponsored by the American Board of Legal Medicine.

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## MEETINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST—AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THURSDAY

- Aug. 11 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Hitchcock Auditorium  
1:00 P. M.—Visiting Professor Dr. Eugene E. Record, Department  
of Surgery, Harvard University, "Orthopedic Clinic"  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's
- Aug. 18 8:00 A.M.—Visiting Professor D. Norman Johnson, Department of  
9:30 A.M. Pediatrics, University of Tennessee, "Lecture, Pedi-  
1:30 P. M. atrics," "Informal Pediatric Clinic"  
Hitchcock Auditorium
- Aug. 25 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Hitchcock Auditorium  
1:00 P. M.—Visiting Professor Dr. Bertram Fleshler, Department of  
Medicine, Western Reserve University, "Esophageal  
Disease"  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's
- Sept. 1 8:00 A.M.—Section Meetings  
Hitchcock Auditorium
- Sept. 8 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Hitchcock Auditorium  
1:00 P. M.—Visiting Professor William Holden, Department of Sur-  
gery, Western Reserve University, "General Surgery  
Clinic"  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's

## FRIDAY

- Aug. 12 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's
- Aug. 19 8:00 A.M.—Combined Medical-Surgical Conference  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's
- Aug. 26 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's  
4:00 P. M.—Chest Conference, for ALL Interested Physicians  
Hitchcock Auditorium
- Sept. 2 8:00 A.M.—Combined Medical-Surgical Conference  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's
- Sept. 9 8:00 A.M.—Clinico-Pathologic Conference  
Auditorium, St. Elizabeth's

—Robert McConnell, M.D.

## YOUNGSTOWN DEVELOPMENT ASKS DOCTORS' SUPPORT

Of extreme importance to local doctors are the current plans of the Youngstown Metropolitan Area Development Citizens' Committee.

As a result of the recent Hammer survey, the Committee has launched a campaign to raise \$150,000 operating expense for three years, in order to put into effect a plan "to stop the economic and cultural deterioration of the Youngstown Metropolitan Area."

Some doctors have been sent letters from Dr. M. W. Neidus, acting as chairman of the physicians section. Other doctors have been solicited directly by the Citizens' Committee.

Faced with the fact that the medical profession is dependent upon the welfare of the community, doctors are asked to make individual contributions to help this united effort to keep Youngstown a healthy economic community.



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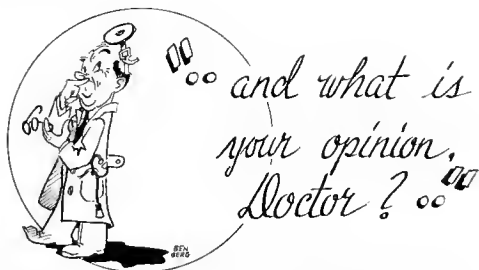
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Answers to the question of the month by the roving reporter: "Would you tell, or do you believe a patient should be told that they have cancer?"



Stephen Ondash: "A qualified yes. The patient's psychological status must be considered and his ability to resign himself to the inevitable, but I feel the doctor has a moral obligation, at some time, to make the patient aware of the prognosis."

Edward Pichette: "Not all patients. Some should be told, those who are alone and may have legal decisions to make, those who express a desire to be told, and those who are of such a personality that they can be told."

Lester Gregg: "It depends upon the make-up of the patient (emotional). I have told many but others I have avoided telling because they would have been unable to stand the mental strain."

Joseph Kupec: "All the factors must be considered, patient desire, patient's legal affairs, emotional status, etc. However, if the patient is not told then there might be a legal responsibility to be certain that at some point the family knows the diagnosis and the assumed prognosis."

—Alexander Calder, M.D.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

June 28, 1960

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, June 28, 1960, at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: F. G. Schlecht, president, presiding, H. J. Reese, Asher Randell, P. J. Mahar, M. S. Rosenblum, H. P. McGregor, C. C. Wales, A. K. Phillips, R. J. Scheetz, Jack Schreiber, F. A. Resch, E. R. McNeal and G. E. DeCicco. Also present was Dr. L. P. Caccamo. Absent were: R. R. Fisher, S. W. Ondash, J. J. McDonough, C. W. Stertzbach, C. E. Pichette, M. W. Neidus, and A. A. Detesco.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Caccamo reported on tentative plans of the Diabetes Committee which included cooperation of the Tuberculosis and Health Association in passing out dry-pack diabetes tests. Discussion followed. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the Diabetes Committee make a scientific report as the diabetes portion of the November meeting of the society. Dr. Caccamo was given council approval to go ahead with his committee plans.

Mr. Morril Lucas, Field Scout Director of the Mahoning Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, spoke concerning the formation of a club of Explorer Scouts interested in medicine. Council expressed an interest in the working of such a club in other cities. Mr. Lucas offered to get further material explaining the club organization in other towns. Following discussion, Dr. Phillips and Dr. Resch were requested to investigate the plan and make a future report to council.

Mr. Rempes made a report on Dr. Kiskaddon's committee meeting on a prospective panel on aging.

Dr. DeCicco reported on a meeting of the Medical Service Foundation in regard to selection of new legal counsel, Atty. James E. Bennett, Sr., and Atty. James E. Bennett, Jr. Following discussion the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that council approve the selection of Atty. James E. Bennett, Sr., and Atty. James E. Bennett, Jr., to represent the Mahoning County Medical Society at no cost to the medical society.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the society proceed with plans for incorporation.

A letter was read from Ohio Medical Indemnity, Inc., offering to provide speakers for a society program on Blue Shield. Following discussion, it was the opinion of council that such a program would have to be postponed until next year.

Dr. McGregor, chairman of the Canfield Fair Committee, discussed plans for the 1960 Fair.

Dr. Rosenblum was appointed to write a resolution for Dr. James D. Brown.

Mr. Rempes reported on a conference on aging.

Dr. Wales read a telegram from the American Medical Association urging cards, wires and letters to Ohio's senators asking them to use their influence to have a Senate Finance Committee hold adequate hearings on HR 12580.

Dr. Wales introduced discussion concerning interviewing local candidates for political offices.

The following applications were presented by the censors and read by the secretary:

### Associate Membership

William Henry Charlebois, 1005 Belmont Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

Maria M. L. Liang Fok, 325 South Canfield-Niles Road, Youngstown, Ohio.

### Intern-Resident Membership

Joseph Mersol, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

The above applicants will become members of the society within fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary during that time.

Bills were read. A motion was made, seconded, and duly passed to pay each one. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned.

—A. K. Phillips,  
Acting Secretary

### LAKE COUNTY RADIO PROGRAM

The Mahoning County Medical Society acknowledges a letter of thanks from Mrs. Owen A. McLaren, Executive Secretary of the Lake County Medical Society.

The Mahoning Society was instrumental in helping the Lake County Society initiate a series of radio programs based on our own "Consultation" program. A tape recording of one of our programs, and an outline of procedure in conducting the program was sent to Lake County.

The Lake County program, now on the air, is called "Medical Adviser," and is heard over WPVL from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

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